

IN THE SPECIFICATION

1. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 6, having text beginning with "Figure 2 shows . . .," with the following amended paragraph:

--Figure 2 shows an abstraction of a B2B partner arrangement in order to demonstrate the LCT methodology of the present invention. Party A 201 could be a buyer. Party B 202 could be a supplier. Party C 203 is a service provider from either a separate company or from an organization belonging to either party A or from party B's organization (e.g., an internal service center). As an example, suppose Party A wants to buy a product from Party B through an intermediary, Party C. In this example, the Party C can be an eMarketplace. Using LCT methodology, Party A locates Party B using the locating technology described above and alternatively, instant messaging can be used. Assuming Party A reached party B, a collaboration session is established by launching a web application. This is done by providing a mutual RUL for the two parties to meet. All the while, the phone call is held active. A collaboration session then [[ensures]] ensues between the buyer and supplier allowing both parties to talk and to perform web collaboration with the sharing of web pages. If Party A and B are then able to transact a deal on their own, they then complete their business with a

[[transaction]] transaction. The transaction software is made available for Party A or B to transact a B2B transaction.--